

**The paragraph beginning at page 8, line 15, has been replaced with the following,  
rewritten paragraph:**

A<sub>3</sub> --For comparison, FIG. 2, sections (a) and (b) show a fluid coupling (Comparative Example 1) comprising first and second coupling members 12, 31 formed with respective fluid channels 85, 86 and a gasket 83. Each fluid channel 86 (86) comprises an opening passageway 85a (86a) and a slanting main passageway 85b (86b) communicating with the passageway 85a (86a). The opening passageways 85a, 86a have a diameter equal to the inside diameter of the gasket 83. Gasket holding annular ridges 81a, 82a of cylindrical projections 81, 82 have an inside diameter larger than the inside diameter of the gasket 83.--

**The paragraph beginning at page 9, line 2, has been replaced with the following,  
rewritten paragraph:**

A<sub>4</sub> --Further for comparison, FIG. 3 shows a fluid coupling (Comparative Example 2) wherein each fluid channel 95 (96) comprises an opening passageway 95a (96a) and a slanting main passageway 95b (96b) and the opening passageways 95a, 96a have a diameter equal to the diameter of the opening passageways 75a, 76a of the fluid coupling of the invention and also equal to the inside diameter of a gasket 93 and to the inside diameter of gasket holding annular ridges 91a, 92a of cylindrical projections 91, 92.--